

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Advisory Council Meeting  
Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center  
November 18<sup>th</sup> 2008  
Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center  
Brunswick, GA

**Call to Order:** Matt Norsworthy, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:30AM.  
Those in attendance introduced themselves.

**Roll Call:** Attendance was taken by sign-in sheet

**Members present:** Cullen Chambers, Thomas M. Anderson, Matt Norsworthy, Jim Shaw, Vicki Davis, Jan Bass, Pearl Boynes, David Buie, Llyod Y. Flanders, Lynn Pace, Carrie Welter, Ebony White.

**Members absent:** Carolyn W. Downs, Miriam Bush, Steve Scholar, Karin Stenborg, Frank W. Brown, Rodney Sheffield, John Kennison, Ellen Harris, Ralph Price, Eutween Griffin, Wayne Seay, Sarah P. Ward, Betty Lee Waller, Daren Harper, Mia Knight-Nichols, Otis A. Amason, Jr., Gail Fox Evans, Modibo M. Kadalie, Luciria Lovette, Lynn Pace, Al Theus, William Miller, Missy Brandt, Robert Allen, Jr., John A. Mitchell, Charlie Fenwick, Mike Hosti, John S. Hunter, III, Bill Giles, Steve Smith, Danny Brown, Arthur Edgar, Mary Beth Wester.

**Guests:** Julia Ann Anderson, Chris Sheppard, Dave Welter

**Staff:** Tricia Reynolds, Mary Beth Bass, Jason Kotarski

**Welcome:** Allen Burns, Executive Director of the CGRDC welcomed the Council to the Center. Mr. Burns expressed his appreciation for everyone's attendance. He also spoke on the critical importance of Developments of Regional Impact and the importance of historic preservation. Mr. Burns handed around a petrified object to exemplify his speech.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the August 12, 2008 meeting were discussed. Carrie Welter moved that the minutes be approved, and Jan Bass seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Announcements:**

- Carrie Welter commented on the quality of the minutes as well as the last meeting.
- Tricia Reynolds, AICP, Director of Planning and Governmental Services for the CGRDC thanked Mary Beth Bass for her dedicated service as Historic Preservation Planner and wished her well in her new role as Economic Development Planner. Ms. Reynolds introduced the new Historic Preservation Planner, Jason Kotarski.

- Mary Beth Bass thanked everyone for their support during her time as Historic Preservation Planner and handed over her duties to Jason. Ms. Bass remains interested in the HPAC.
- Jason Kotarski thanked everyone for having him there and looks forward to meeting with everyone and working with the HPAC.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Cullen Chambers updated the Council on the recent Technical Advisory Committee workings in the region.
  - Working on report for recommendation in Portal
  - Dorchester meeting on Friday 11.20.2008 to discuss grant search
  - Welter Farm nomination by consultant at no charge
  - Town of Register's acceptance of TAC assistance, meeting on 11.11.2008, and upcoming public meeting on 12.9.2008
  - Thanking Mary Beth Bass for all her efforts
  - Places in Peril meeting in Tybee about Battery Bacchus

#### **New Business:**

- Matt Norsworthy gave an update on the upcoming meeting in Midway at City Hall on February 10<sup>th</sup>
- Mary Beth Bass opened the floor for suggestions on the location of the next HPAC on May 12<sup>th</sup>;
  - Jan Bass suggested Cumberland Island
  - Cullen Chambers offered the Tybee Historical Society
  - Mr. and Mrs. Welters offered the Barn at Welter Farm
- Matt Norsworthy discussed new Officer elections in August and a formation of a steering committee to come together May and June
- Mary Beth Bass discussed the handout about the Dorchester Academy rally, Battlefield Registrations; work with Colonial Dames on the Brunswick/ Althama canal, Gullah-Geechee organization, and big items including Woodbine's repeal of Historic Preservation ordinance, battery Bacchus' placement on Places in Peril.
- Welcome new members, Lloyd Flanders, Missy Brandt, and David Buie
- Tricia Reynolds facilitated the session to extract input from the Council. The first being a roundtable regional update of significant activity in represented regions relevant to the HPAC. See attached roundtable topics and work session notes.

#### **Other Business:**

- The next meeting will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at City Hall in Midway, Georgia in Liberty County.

#### **Adjournment:**

- The meeting adjourned. HPAC members toured Fort Frederica on a tour lead by Park Ranger Kim Coons and met Park Superintendent Mary Beth Wester.